

## ASKS INQUIRY INTO NATURALIZATION LAWS

Representative Murdock Introduces Bill for Commission To-day.

### MANY ABUSES DISCLOSED

Progressive Leader's Stand Due to Results of Investigations Which Have Been Made in Last Two Years.

Representative Victor Murdock, of Kansas, the Progressive leader of the House, will introduce a bill to-day for the creation of a federal naturalization commission, to consist of five Congressmen, whose duty will be to make a nationwide inquiry into the naturalization laws with a view to passing new laws governing aliens and their admission to citizenship.

That the proposed commission intends to take up the ownership of land by Japanese and other Asiatics is manifest from the provision of the bill, which calls upon the commission "to inquire into the status of aliens with respect to... acquisition and disposition of property."

In a statement issued by the Progressive National Committee yesterday the following paragraph explained the purposes of the bill with respect to the Japanese-American question and other matters:

"Fairer treatment for immigrants under the land owning and employees' compensation acts is desired as well as harmonizing the present widely contrasting state naturalization laws, and up to date, accurate bookkeeping systems in connection with the naturalization records in the federal courts and county clerks' offices."

The members of the commission are to be appointed by President Wilson and a preliminary appropriation of \$50,000 to cover traveling and other expenses will be asked for. The members will receive no salary. They are to report back to Congress before January, 1915, and make recommendations for the relief of present conditions.

Mr. Murdock's bill is the result of two years of quiet investigation into naturalization conditions throughout the country, which has been carried on by several immigrant welfare organizations.

The investigation has led to the uncovering of many abuses in relation to the immigrant, among which are the difficulties experienced by applicants for citizenship papers. Delay and graft are the chief abuses that the investigators would have remedied.

In the statement issued yesterday it is made clear that there is no intention on the part of those behind the proposed bill to let down the bars to citizenship, which, they believe, are not high enough in some states.

One of the evils pointed out is that, while a knowledge of English and civics on the part of the prospective citizen is demanded by the government, there are no provisions made by the government to teach these subjects. Mr. Murdock and his associates believe the government should establish high schools to teach English and civics to immigrants.

Another evil mentioned is the laws of some states, like those of New York, where foreigners are required to declare their intention of becoming citizens before they can be employed on public contracts. The investigators found many swindlers beat the alien anxious to "get out his papers," and none more rampant than some so-called "citizenship schools" and "constitutional clubs," which take the immigrant's money, anywhere from \$5 to \$25, and promise to obtain his naturalization papers for him.

Section 4 of the bill reads:

"That said commission shall inquire into the condition of admitted aliens within several states with respect to facilities, methods and opportunities for naturalization in the various state and federal courts, and the relation of such court procedure to the federal Bureau of Naturalization; shall inquire into the educational preparation and opportunities afforded in each state for such admitted aliens to comply with the provisions of the naturalization laws; and shall inquire into the status of aliens in the various states with respect to equality before the law, acquisition and disposition of property, holding of public office and voting, and such other conditions concerning naturalization of admitted aliens as affect the welfare and progress of this country and as encourage or retard immigration."

Attention is called to the fact that there are 400,000 adults of voting age who are not citizens.

## POWDER IN SHOES AS WELL AS GUNS

Foot-Ease to Be Added to Equipment of Hospital Corps at Fort Wayne.

Under the above heading the Detroit Free Press, among other things says: "The theory is that soldiers whose feet are in good condition can walk further and faster than soldiers who have corns and bunions incased in rawhide."

The Government's foot powder order is regarded as the last word in the scientific outfitting of the defenders of the flag.

This foot powder shaken in the shoes of soldiers has long been in use in the German army, and Uncle Sam's adoption of this form of treating and easing the feet is in line with the expressions heard daily for more than twenty years, in all parts of the world, from those who are making Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder for the feet, into their shoes, as the only practical and lasting treatment for chafing and preventing sore feet. It can be obtained from dealers everywhere for 25c, or a trial package will be sent free if you write to Allen S. Olmsted, La Roy, N. Y.—Advt.

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## MR. WHARTON WON'T TALK

Novelist's Husband Refuses to Discuss Divorce Report.

[By Telegram to The Tribune.] Boston, June 1.—Edward Wharton, husband of Mrs. Edith Wharton, novelist, when leaving to-night for Maine on a fishing trip refused to affirm or deny the report of Mrs. Wharton's intention to seek a divorce.

"Is it true that you and Mrs. Wharton have separated?" he was asked.

"I won't talk to you," exclaimed Wharton, as he stalked away.

"Is Mrs. Wharton coming back to America this year?" was asked of Mr. Wharton's son, who was with him.

"Why, really, I don't know," he replied.

## WOULD LIMIT IMMIGRATION

Dillingham Has New Plan to Bar Undesirables.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, June 1.—To carry out the recommendations of the Immigration Commission without running foul of the literary test which led to the veto of the Dillingham-Burnett bill of last session by President Taft, Senator Dillingham, of Vermont, has embodied in a new bill, which he will introduce to-morrow, a provision to restrict undesirable immigrants.

The Dillingham plan limits immigration of aliens of any nationality, exclusive of temporary visits, in any fiscal year to 10 per cent of the number of persons of such nationality resident in the United States at the time of the census next preceding.

The minimum number of any nationality admissible in any fiscal year shall not be less than 500. Countries of the Western Hemisphere are exempted from the operation of the provision.

The bill provides that when the maximum number of any nationality has been admitted all other aliens of such nationality who may apply for admission during the same fiscal year shall be excluded, except that aliens returning for a temporary visit abroad and aliens coming to join near relatives, as well as members of professional and business classes, may be admitted without reference to such maximum number. It also provides that the Secretary of Labor may admit aliens in excess of the maximum number when, in his opinion, such action is justifiable as a measure of humanity. Transportation companies are subject to a fine of \$100 for each alien brought to the United States in excess of the maximum number allowed.

## WOULD PROTECT INVESTOR

Van Tuyl Outlines Problems Before New Commission.

Albany, June 1.—George C. Van Tuyl, Superintendent of the State Banking Department, called attention today to the problems which would confront the commission recently authorized by the Legislature to revise the banking laws.

"There are several great problems that should be solved by this commission," said Mr. Van Tuyl, "one relative to the supervision of private bankers and another the protection of the general public from the depredations of 'fake' investment companies."

"The great majority of the private bankers of the state are receiving the deposits of the general public, while under no supervision and no restrictions whatever. The great firms of private bankers connected with the New York Stock Exchange not only accept deposits largely exceeding those received by our largest banks and trust companies, but actually control the greatest and most powerful of the state institutions and of the national banks."

"Small investors are being fleeced by numerous 'investment companies' not organized under the banking law and not subject to state supervision."

## T. R. TO REINFORCE SULZER

Will Appear Beside Governor at Albany Primary Rally.

Albany, June 1.—Plans for direct primary meetings to be held during the next two weeks before the convening of the extraordinary session of the Legislature were considered by Governor Sulzer today.

The Governor will speak at Glens Falls on Wednesday, at Catskill on Friday and at Poughkeepsie on Saturday. Early in the following week he will go to Rochester and on June 14 will address meetings in Tonawanda, New Rochelle and Mount Vernon.

The next day he will speak at Cooper Union, New York City; the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, Ulmer Park and Brownsville.

It was announced that Colonel Roosevelt would appear with the Governor at the meeting in Albany on the evening of June 17. Other speakers will be ex-Representative W. Bourke Cockran and William S. Bennett, of New York; Daniel J. Dugan, of Albany, state committee man, and ex-Senator Frederick M. Davenport, of Clinton.

Arrangements also have been made by the Governor's campaign committee for meetings in Ithaca, Haverstraw, Watertown, Syracuse, Ogdensburg and other upstate cities. The Governor will attend as many of these meetings as possible.

## FAIR WEATHER PROMISED

Only Local Rains Predicted for Most of the Week.

Washington, June 1.—Temperatures slightly above the seasonal average in the Gulf states and near or slightly below the average throughout the rest of the country were predicted to-night by the Weather Bureau in its weekly bulletin. Generally fair weather is looked for, conditions indicating only local precipitation, usually below normal.

A disturbance that is now over the Great Lakes will move eastward and cause local rains and thunderstorms Monday in the Eastern and Southeastern states, and it will be followed by rising pressure and generally fair weather for several days in the region east of the Rocky Mountains.

Another disturbance will develop Tuesday or Wednesday over the Western plateau region and move eastward, crossing the Middle West Thursday or Friday and the Eastern States near the end of the week. This disturbance will be attended by local showers and thunderstorms and be followed by cooler weather.

## CANOISTS SWAMPED IN RIVER

Frederick Snyder, of the Knickerbocker Canoe Club, and a companion had a narrow escape from drowning yesterday, when their canoe upset in the Hudson off 155th street.

A strong wind swamped the craft, throwing Snyder and his friend into the water. They hung to the canoe's gunwales, but were in momentary danger of being swept away by the high waves.

Captain Schott, of the Manhattan Island Yacht Club, heard their cries for help and went to the rescue in his motor boat, taking the exhausted men back to their clubhouse.

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## WRECK AT BOSTON STATION

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## HAVANA'S BIG BAND OPENS PARK CONCERTS

Big Crowd on Central Park Mall at First Outdoor Musical Event of Season.

### CUBAN CRUISER STAYS OVER

Franz Kaltenborn's Orchestra Follows Island Musicians—Stover Hopes for Municipal Band.

Havana's municipal band, which came here on the Cuban cruiser Cuba, and Franz Kaltenborn's orchestra opened the summer concert season in Central Park yesterday afternoon before a large crowd. It was estimated that between 15,000 and 20,000 persons were present. The Havana band, which came here for the dedication of the Maine monument, had the honor of officially opening the season. The stand could hardly accommodate the large band. Following this concert came one by the orchestra of Franz Kaltenborn. In all there were three hours of music.

In his talk to the crowd Park Commissioner Stover said New York was behind Havana in that it had no municipal band, but he hoped there would be a municipal band formed here this summer.

He said the Cuban government had given permission to the band to play here on Sunday, lengthening the stay of the cruiser, as a day to make it possible.

The park official declared that while the crowds who attended concerts in the Mall were in favor of orchestral music they had shown by their enthusiasm yesterday their delight in hearing such a fine organization, even though it was not an orchestra.

There were many Cubans present, including Francisco E. Ponessa, Captain Juan Cruz Bustillos of the Cuba, Lieutenant Virgilio G. Villalta, Lieutenant G. Mena and E. Mantilla, chancellor of the Cuban Consul General. The band was led by José Molina Torres.

The Havana band played seven numbers, the first of which was "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the last the "Himno Nacional Cubano." A large American flag hung beside a Cuban flag of the same proportions above the audience.

A woman invalid who yearly attends the summer concerts in Central Park was seen in her wheel chair hemmed in by the crowd. Park Commissioner Stover, who has often noticed her at the concerts, gave orders to have her moved in near the bandstand, where she could better hear the music. Persons who know her have told the Commissioner that the invalid's only chance to hear music is in the park and that it has a curative value for her.

The Commissioner made an reference to the music temple, which he had hoped to have in readiness for the opening of the season, and which he has been promising the public for the last three years. There is little chance of its being built this year.

The benches around the bandstand will seat 6,000 persons, and long before 2 o'clock every seat was taken and many strollers were wedged in behind the benches. From then on they began to overflow to the hillside facing the stand and to adjoining lawns and far down the Mall. Oddities considered it the biggest crowd that ever attended an opening concert. One woman fainted but was soon all right again. This was the only accident that happened.

With May parties on hand to distribute litter on the lawns, laborers made a big improvement in the appearance of the park yesterday, although there were still many evidences of the refuse left there on the two preceding days. Exceptionally good weather has caused greater crowds to flock to the park in the last three days than at any time since last summer.

## NO DEFICIT, SAYS PENROSE

Democrats Split Hairs on Postal Service, He Thinks.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, June 1.—Postmaster General Burleson's criticism of the administration of his predecessor, Mr. Hitchcock, and his charge that the Postoffice Department did not become self-supporting in 1911, but was shown to have overcome the usual debt of an unprofitable bookkeeping method, was answered to-day by Senator Penrose, who was long chairman of the Senate Postoffice Committee.

"When we are dealing with deficits running away up into the millions," said Senator Penrose, "it seems like splitting hairs for the present administration to try to show small discrepancies relating to costs and expenditures, as estimated and stated by the previous administration, and so determined by the inquiry made by the present administration. Even conceding, for the sake of argument, that a discrepancy may exist of five or upward, according to the method of bookkeeping, yet the discrepancy is trivial and insignificant compared with the enormous deficit which has been overcome, running up into the millions."

"The very comparison and criticism result in a practical admission that the deficit has been wiped out, and constitute a striking tribute to the practical results obtained by the last Postmaster General."

Ex-Postmaster General Hitchcock is now in the Grand Canyon of Arizona, on his way to San Francisco, and out of reach of telegraph or telephone. It was learned here last night.

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## PARK BOARD ROUSES PAVING CONCERNS' IRE

Rejection of Lowest Bids for Laying Pavement Leads to Attack on Official.

### CLASH AT PUBLIC MEETING

Matter Will Be Taken Up Again Thursday—Work Must Be Completed in 100 Consecutive Days.

Following its rejection two weeks ago of all bids for the construction of a large section of the West Drive, in Central Park, at a cost of \$50,000 the Park Board will open bids again on Thursday. Road paving concerns have been stirred to a high pitch ever since the board rejected the bids, for such action was taken by that body at a three-hour executive session following serious charges against a park official.

Bayton Hedges, a contractor, of No. 151 Broadway, made allegations at the public meeting that Louis F. La Roche, chief assistant of Park Commissioner Stover, had gone to other contracting concerns stating that Hedges, the lowest bidder, was not able to undertake such a job and that his credit was questionable.

La Roche was formerly in the Finance Department, and has a \$1,000 a year job in the Park Department now as an examiner, which post he has held for about two years.

Hedges, according to a statement he made yesterday, was the lowest bidder, and the next lowest was the Warner, Quinlan Company. A resolution was introduced at the board meeting rejecting the two lowest bids on the ground that the materials submitted by the contractors were not up to specifications. The next bidder was to get the contract. It was the Stellan Company, which has done considerable work for the Park Department.

It was here that Mr. Hedges and Mr. La Roche clashed. Following some remarks by the latter, Mr. Hedges arose and declared that his character was at stake, and then alleged that La Roche had gone to the Neuhotel Company and others supplying material to the contractors, saying Hedges could not carry out the contract should he get it, and making other derogatory remarks.

La Roche denied the charges, but, according to Hedges, there was corroboration of his statements from one of the men seen by La Roche, who arose and stated that La Roche had been to see him.

It also was charged that La Roche had styled himself a representative of the Park Board. Commissioner Kennedy said he was not, and then it developed that he was representing only the Borough of Manhattan.

At the close of the executive meeting that followed all the bids were rejected. When seen yesterday Mr. Hedges said: "I am going to submit my bid again and I shall send the same sort of material to the board as was sent before. It was tested by chemists the other time and was up to the specifications, but this time I am having six chemists on the job. If I am the low bidder next time I'm going to insist on getting the contract. If I'm not, then it will mean that though I was the lowest bidder before I did not get it and I'll be the loser."

"There is no intention on my part to criticize the Park Board, and I did not intend to make a 'squal' in the meeting. It was only when Mr. La Roche said things that angered me that I got up and exposed his visits to contractors to injure my standing. These companies notified me that he had made such visits, and I was corroborated in the meeting."

"And another thing. When the board demanded my samples one part of the same was missing. I don't know where it went to, because I sent it with the two other samples necessary under the specifications."

"Neither does it look good for an employee of the Park Department to go around between the time the bids are opened and the contracts awarded and do what was done."

Mr. Hedges said he had done considerable park work, especially in other boroughs.

Mr. La Roche appeared before the board last Thursday to speak again on the subject, but Commissioner Kennedy said that in the absence of Park Commissioner Stover there would be no further consideration of it.

There were six bidders in all. The contract in question calls for the laying of bituminous pavement on the West Drive from 110th street and Eighth avenue, southerly to 102d street and from the Webster Monument southerly to 30th street and Fifth avenue. The time allowed for the completion of the contract is one hundred consecutive working days.

## CONDEMN SING SING CELLS

Prison Ass'n Tells Governor 300 Men Should Be Transferred.

The New York Prison Association has sent a letter to Governor Sulzer declaring that the physical conditions in the lowest tier of cells at Sing Sing Prison are so deplorable that the inmates should be removed as soon as possible, and recommending that at least three hundred men be transferred immediately to Great Meadow Prison.

When the special committee of the association was at Sing Sing on Friday, May 24, said an official of the association yesterday, "it was a rainy day. The walls in some of the cells, all of which have less than 175 cubic feet of air space per inmate, were wet. These cells are nearly one hundred years old, have insufficient light and very inadequate ventilation, are damp and unhealthy and are altogether improper for the housing of human beings, even if it were for the purpose of punishment."

The special committee went to Sing Sing to determine whether it were feasible to erect additional buildings at that place. The members are quite convinced that prisoners should be removed to farm and other outdoor work at Great Meadow Prison.

## "AD." MAN HERE FROM AFRICA

Great Demand There for U. S. Articles, If Advertised, He Says.

Among the passengers who arrived here yesterday from Liverpool on the Caronia was C. J. Sibbett, an advertising man from South Africa, who is on his way to Baltimore to attend the Conference of Advertising Managers there on June 8.

Mr. Sibbett, who is managing director of the South African Advertising Contractors, Limited, said that his company handled advertising for 20 publications in Africa. He said that it paid well for American manufacturers and producers to advertise in the South African publications, as there was a great demand there for American products.

## CLINTON "CLOUDED"

BY CONVICT'S DEATH

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the burden of the punishment inflicted they are relieved by treatment that is less severe. At the end of three days, if the prisoner is still obdurate, the punishment is relaxed. Yet even in this prison and under the careful supervision of the physicians some of the prisoners punished have been removed from the dark cells to the hospital, where they have had to remain for several days under careful medical treatment. This is ample proof that this kind of punishment ought to be abolished, and that a single punishment should be inflicted instead of the present triple punishment of dark cells, solitary confinement and insufficient food and water."

Commissioner Blake recommends that the Legislature be asked to appropriate \$100,000 for the construction and equipment of a hospital for tubercular patients, of whom there are 381 in the prison and hospital accommodations for only 145.

"Sing Sing Prison," says the report, "has sent to this hospital since 1901 833 tubercular patients, many of whom contracted the disease in that prison, or the disease was developed there. The state is responsible for this, and the state in simple justice ought to give these men a chance for their lives."

"A still severer indictment of Sing Sing Prison is shown in the statistics of the Dannemora State Hospital for the confinement of criminals who have become insane during their incarceration."

## LAND FAMINE HITS YOUTHFUL FARMERS

Children Scramble for Lots in Corlears Hook Park and Weep When They Can't All Get Them.

### Children Scramble for Lots in Corlears Hook

Economists have long been prophesying the time when there would not be land enough to go around, and now the time has come. Corlears Hook Park was the scene last week of a land famine crisis, when three thousand would-be farmers presented themselves in response to a call sent by the International School Farm League and there were only 323 "farms" to go around! What though the farms were only six feet by four in size? They bulked large in the eyes of the 2,772 disappointed applicants, and many were the tears that coursed down grimy little cheeks for it was "first come, first served." There was nothing else to do but to turn away those who failed to get near the head of the long line that wound around the park on opening day.

"It's back to the streets and back to the tenements for you now, children," said Mrs. Henry Parsons, fairly godmother of the school farm movement and president of the league, when the man who kept the gate said, "No more plots to give out."

"It's back to the streets now, but some time the City of New York will wake up, and there'll be a place for every child in it to dig in the ground and raise green things."

Maybe the 323 wise ones who came early and received titles to land weren't happy! Their number will be increased to 626 before the season's end, for as soon as the crop just planted is harvested the land will be ploughed again and a new set of farmers will get a chance.

This is the first time the farm plan has been tried in Corlears Hook Park. The league began some years ago in De Witt Clinton Park, where children's farms are now an established institution. There, too, other features have been grafted on—housekeeping lessons for the girls and a fresh air lounge in winter for tuberculous folks in the neighborhood.

Then the league reached out to Jefferson Park and made it "the garden of a thousand farms." Although the available ground in Corlears Hook Park is much less—barely an acre—it is prettily laid out, with a round flower bed in the center, green sod and a hedge of sprouting box around the sides and along the paths.

The neighborhood around this little waterfront breathing spot is cosmopolitan. "Key" Colen and "Mike" Flannagan and Giovanni Tresca and "Fritzie" Schmidt dug happily side by side in the boys' section, and over in the girls' part there was an equally diversified congress of nations. The guardian of the place is Hugh Murray, who oversees the gardening weekdays and Sundays and watches out to see that the baseball teams playing in the inclosure the other side of the fence don't plough up the children's farms with their shoes every time their ball bounds over the dividing line.

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Examination of the books of the industrial department of Clinton prison, Mr. Blake says, shows that the industries have been incompetently and improperly managed. No control whatever was given to Warden Kaiser over this department, according to the investigator, who says it was handled entirely by Colonel Joseph E. Scott, Superintendent of Prisons, who was removed by Governor Sulzer, and by Frederick H. Mills, who was dismissed as sales agent of the Prison Department by Colonel Scott.

## NECK BROKEN BY TRUCK

Dobbs Ferry Youth Thrown Off Heavy Auto Dies in Hospital.

John Buckley, twenty-two years old, a son of a hotelkeeper at Dobbs Ferry, died yesterday from injuries he received in attempting to get on a fast moving automobile truck at Ardsley on Saturday night.